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DEPARTMENT FOR SAUNDERS

CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS

JIDDA FOR AMBASSADOR WEST

U.S. DEL NO. 8

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN BRIEFING OF SAUDIS ON LEEDS CASTLE
TALKS

REF: CAIRO 17537

1. FOR CAIRO: SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENT, I
BELIEVE YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO KAMEL TO MAKE FOLLOWING
POINTS:

(A) UNFORTUNATELY, MY MEETING WITH PRINCE SAUD TOOK
PLACE BEFORE I RECEIVED YOUR REPORT OF LINE KAMEL
PROPOSES EGYPT TAKE IN BRIEFING SAUDIS (EMBASSY JIDDA
HAD TO SEND REFTEL TO ME BY COURIER IN ABSENCE

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TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES IN TAIF).

(B) KAMEL'S COMMENTS (PARA 2 AND 6 REFTEL) SEEM TO RE-
FLECT RATHER FUNDAMENTAL MISUNDERSTANDING OF GOI
POSITION AS PRESENTED BY DAYAN. WHAT DAYAN SAID ON
TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE WAS THAT ISRAEL WOULD CONSIDER
IT IF ARABS MADE A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL AS TO WHERE THE

LINE SHOULD BE DRAWN. HE MENTIONED ALLON PLAN IN THIS CONNECTION BUT WAS IN NO SENSE PROPOSING IT. APPROACH OF PRESENT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS THAT ISRAEL SHOULD RETAIN CERTAIN RIGHTS IN ALL OF WEST BANK AND GAZA WHILE TURNING LOCAL ADMINISTRATION IN MOST AREAS OVER TO INHABITANTS AND DEFERRING ANY DECISION ON FINAL SOLUTION FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

(C) RE PARA 5 REFTTEL, YOU CAN TELL KAMEL I OUTLINED OUR IDEAS FOR BRIDGING DIFFERENCES TO SAUD IN GENERAL TERMS.

(D) RE PARA 7 REFTTEL, YOU SHOULD TELL KAMEL I DISCUSSED IDEA OF ANOTHER EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI-U.S. MEETING WITH SAUD AND EXPLAINED WHY WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT. YOU CAN ASSURE HIM, HOWEVER, THAT I DID NOT REPEAT NOT INDICATE EGYPT HAD ACCEPTED THIS IDEA.

(E) RE PARA 7 REFTTEL, WE WILL SEND YOU REPORT OF MY MEETING WITH SAUD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT YOU CAN BRIEF KAMEL. MEANWHILE, YOU COULD BRIEF HIM ON POINTS I MADE TO SAUD (AND WILL BE MAKING TO HUSSEIN) ON BASIS OF USNATO 7096 AS MODIFIED BY STATE 185501, BOTH OF WHICH WERE REPEATED CAIRO.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT: PLEASE INFORM EILTS IF HE MAY GO BACK TO KAMEL ALONG FOREGOING LINES.SUDDARTH
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